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The 10th biennial Fleur Cowles Flair Symposium, “Visions of the Future,” will be held Nov. 1-3 in conjunction with “Norman Bel Geddes Designs America” at the Harry Ransom Center. Registration is required; admission is \$40-\$100; student discounts available.

Poster Design

All undergraduates at any stage in their research are open to register for the Poster Design Class. The first session will be at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 9 in FAC 332.

Vault

Landmarks Video presents “Vault” by the Yonemoto Brothers. The filmmakers challenge viewers to recognize the role of mass media in our perceptions of identity and reality. The film will be on view throughout November from 8-11 a.m. in the Art Building atrium.

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In 1993

On Nov. 1, 1993, the Maastricht Treaty goes into effect, formally establishing the European Union. The political conglomeration began with just 12 nations and now is comprised of 27 member states.



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UNIVERSITY

UT lowers automatic admission cutoff

By **Lazaro Hernandez**

The requirement for high school students to qualify for automatic admission into the University of Texas at Austin has become more rigorous for students planning to enter in 2014.

The University determined high school juniors interested in applying to UT will now be

required to graduate in the top 7 percent of their class to qualify for automatic admission, UT President William Powers Jr. said in a letter to State Education Commissioner Michael Williams in September. The Texas Education Agency announced the news on its website Tuesday evening. For the past three years, automatic admission to the University was restricted to

students who graduated in the top 8 or 9 percent of their class.

Since 1997, all top 10 percent Texas high school graduates received automatic admission to any public Texas university of their choice. In 2009, the state legislature modified the automatic admission program for UT, allowing it to automatically admit enough students to fill 75 percent of its total admitted

students instead of any top 10 percent graduate. The modified law first went into effect for students entering the University in 2011.

The University is required to determine high school class rank requirements two years in advance to notify current high school juniors of the change.

Kedra Ishop, vice provost and director of admissions, said the

University uses its enrollment figures to predict the number of students who will qualify for automatic admission. The University then uses that estimate to determine the class rank requirement needed to limit automatically admitted students to 75 percent of incoming in-state freshmen, Ishop said.

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NATIONAL

New York slumbers after Sandy

Narrative illustrates event and aftermath, efforts to fix damage

By **Amber Genuske**

Editor’s note: Former Daily Texan Life&Arts editor Amber Genuske is living and working in New York as an associate video editor at The Huffington Post. The following is her experience with Hurricane Sandy.

NEW YORK — The city that never sleeps is finally sleeping. New York City was forced down for a slumber, and nobody knows when it will wake. The city was slipped a sleeping pill with side effects far greater than anyone could have ever expected. The pill’s name was Sandy, and oh my, was it a hard pill to swallow.

Sandy the Superstorm barreled into the East Coast early Monday evening, wreaking havoc well into Tuesday morning. The storm’s 900-mile-wide reach flooded homes, tore down trees and took the lives of 62 people and counting in at least 16 states. New Yorkers watched in horror as the murky water rose up the sides of the buildings and overflowed out of the depths of the subways. Neighborhood by neighborhood, parts of the city went dark in each borough. As night fell, we were unsure of what this storm had in store.



John Minchillo | Associated Press

Lisa Kravchenko of Staten Island stands among flood debris in her princess Halloween costume Wednesday, in the Staten Island borough of New York City.

When we arose Tuesday morning, it was worse than we could have predicted.

This city has slowed, and in some areas come to a screeching halt. I got lucky — oddly lucky. I live in Park Slope, a neighborhood in Brooklyn barely grazed by the storm, and somehow our lights kept burning. A few trees fell, but thanks to the geography of my neighborhood — I liter-

ally live on a slope — there was minimal flooding.

Tuesday night I made my way up to my unfinished roof from which I can see parts of Manhattan. Downtown Manhattan looks more like the quiet borough that lies to the southeast behind my back than the noisy island I usually see when I look northwest. The sky above Midtown and north still dances

with the orange tie-dye haze from the bustling city beneath it. The sky above 39th Street and south is eerily dark. South of 39th Street, 400,000 people are still without power.

I haven’t been in Manhattan since Friday. Save for a bike ride through the carnage in Brooklyn yesterday, I haven’t been out of Park Slope since Sunday. I’ve been working from home since

Monday. For those who rely solely on the subways for transit — they are stuck. For those whose sole source of income comes from another borough, or worse yet, lower Manhattan — they are stuck, indefinitely.

Even as someone who prides herself on being removed from the hustle of the city, I am

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CITY

Competitive propositions debate over representation

By **David Loewenberg**

Near the end of the lengthy ballot that Austin voters will face on Election Day next Tuesday are two competing propositions that could shape the way students are represented in Austin City Council.

Proponents of Propositions 3 and 4 each agree that the current at-large system, in which all seven city council members represent all of Austin rather than specific districts, needs to go. Where they differ, however, is in their plans to replace the at-large structure.

Proposition 3, also known as the 10-1 plan, would create ten geographical single-member districts, with a mayor elected city-wide. The proposition was placed on the ballot after 33,000 signatures were collected endorsing it. The districts would be drawn by a 14-member independent commission with no power of approval from the council.

Proposition 4, or the 8-2-1 plan, would create eight single-member districts, with two council members and one mayor elected city-wide. The Austin City Council

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SYSTEM

System owes more than half of TX public university debt

By **Alexa Ura**

The UT System’s \$7.3 billion worth of outstanding debt accounts for 58 percent of the state’s total public university debt, according to a report released by Susan Combs, Texas comptroller of public accounts, last week.

As of August 2011, the total outstanding debt of public four-year higher education institutions totaled \$12.5 billion, making up 43 percent of the state’s total debt. The UT

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DOWN IN THE DEBT

State debt total **\$12,528,177,517**
Total enrollment *610,558*
Debt per student **\$20,519**

Total UT System debt **\$7,292,062,000**
Debt per student **\$34,962**

UT Austin debt **\$1,148,239,000**
Debt per student **\$22,465**

UT health institutions debt **\$2,916,297,000**
Average debt per student **\$778,778**

Source: Texas State Comptroller’s Office
*Data as of August 31, 2011.



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time undergraduate.

"There's this casual assumption that when you hear that word 'student,' you're referring to number one, a UT student, and number two, an undergraduate at UT," McGhee said.

Last year UT Student Government endorsed the 10-1 plan, now known as Proposition 3. Jenna Milani, SG's city relations director, said the 10-1 plan will ensure students have a voice on City Council.

"The way the districts will be determined will allow for UT to have its own representation," Milani said. "UT comprises such a massive amount of the Austin population that it is only fair that we get a spot at the City Council table."

If both Proposition 3 and 4 receive more than 50 percent approval, the proposition with the most votes will win.

Friday is the last day to vote early. Election Day is next Tuesday.

15 institutions, including leading research universities and health institutions, that require complex facilities to meet the needs of our patients and students,” LaCoste-Caputo said. “Debt service on [tuition revenue bonds] is reimbursed through general revenue appropriations and is not repaid by students or by increasing tuition.”

UT-Austin has the most debt of the System institutions with \$1.15 billion and also has the highest student enrollment. The University’s debt per student is \$22,465 compared to the System’s debt per student average of \$34,962 per student, based on fall 2011 enrollment figures.

The System’s health institutions make up roughly 39 percent of the System’s debt, totaling \$2.9 billion in debt, despite enrolling fewer than 7 percent of the System’s students. The average debt per student attending System health institutions totaled \$778,778.

debt-per-student calculation can be misleading because much of the System's outstanding debt is related to health institutions.

"Growth in debt there largely not related to student enrollment growth but growth in number of patients seeking care, such as those who need cancer treatment at MD Anderson Cancer Care Center," LaCoste Caputo said.

The creation of the proposed UT-Austin medical school could further increase health institution debt.

UT spokesperson Gar Susswein said the University hopes to enroll 50 students as part of the medical school entering class of 2015 with hopes of increasing enrollment in the following years.

Based on the debt per student calculation, a UT-Austin medical school could add \$38.9 million in debt to the University's outstanding debt.

Kevin Hegarty, UT vice president and chief financial officer, said borrowing money for a campus is managed at the UT System level.

Against the wishes of a student who was hit by a bus during Foam Sword Friday last spring, UT student organizations will not host the end-of-semester celebration this fall.

UT student Nick Engmann was hit by a Capital Metro bus during the event in May, but suffered no serious injuries from the accident.

For the past six years, UT students have met on both sides of Guadalupe Street near the University Co-op to participate in Foam Sword Friday, an event where students charge into the street at each other holding foam swords when the walk signal appears. The Undergraduate Architecture Student Council has sponsored the event in the past, but this fall the organization has decided not to endorse Foam Sword Friday.

Engmann's attorney, Reed Teckenbrock, said his client was not in favor of cancelling the event.

"Mr. Engmann does not support the cancellation of Foam Sword Friday, and he is disappointed that he was not consulted prior to that decision being made," Teckenbrock said.

A traffic ticket was initially issued to the bus driver involved for running a red light. No other injuries resulted from the accident.

Erica Macioge, Capital Metro spokesperson, said a review of cameras installed on the bus showed that the driver was in the intersection legally, and the ticket

was dismissed at municipal court. Capital Metro investigation of the incident cleared the driver as well.

"This incident involved a bus operator who at the time, had 21 years of service under his belt and a good safety record," Mocioge said in an email.

Teckenbrock said a complaint filed by Engman with Capital Metro as a result of the incident is still under review.

After discussion with representatives from the School of Architecture, Higinio Turrubiates, president of the Undergraduate Architecture Students Council, said the organization decided to cancel the event until it can be restructured in a safe manner. He said plans for a Foam Sword Friday at a new location should be completed by the spring.

Turrubiates said although the event has been cancelled, he believes some students will continue the tradition on their own.

He said because Foam Sword Friday has become a tradition at UT, his organization wants to keep it going.

"It's had a strong demand by students," Turrubiates said.

The event is normally held around noon on the last Friday of the spring and fall semester when classes are in session. Turrubiates said last spring roughly 200 students attended the event.

See video at:
bit.ly/foamsword

through UT System bonds, but each campus is responsible for paying back debt collected by its own projects.

Debt service makes up \$86 million, or 4 percent, of UT's \$2.34 billion 2012-2013 operating budget.

"When a UT System bond is issued, repayment is financially backed by all available net revenues of all the UT System campuses and system," Hegarty said.

The System's debt has earned an AAA credit rating, the highest rating available from major credit rating agencies, and is charged the lowest interest rate available in the public market when a campus borrows for a project, Hegarty said.

In the comptroller's report on higher education debt, Combs recommended higher

education institutions lower or support current levels of debt by taking advantage of the rapid growth of online education, which would reduce the need for new facilities. Permanent University Fund debt, which usually funds construction of new System facilities, accounted for close to 14 percent of System debt in 2011.

“As higher education delivery changes, so will the expenditures in infrastructure — both buildings and technology — supported by higher education revenues and debt,” Combs wrote in the report. “How and where remain to be seen.”

The UT System recently invested \$10 million in establishing a distributor of interactive online classes, to develop for online courses by next year.

getting a little stir crazy. Never have I wanted to rub shoulders with hundreds of strangers so much. Never have I wanted to dip down into the

ways so much. Never have I wanted to be in Manhattan and out of Brooklyn so much.

And these are all trivial wishes, because I got out lucky.

So what does this mean for a city that thrives off of the energy, stress and hustle of the people who run it? What if those people are stranded, as is New York.

But it will take these exact people, who care about the city most, to wake it up. Metropolitan Transit Authority workers are busting their chops around the clock to get the city moving again. Consolidated Edison Inc. is picking up the pieces of flooded electricity cables and fallen power lines to get the city powered again. Those whose homes were spared are helping those who lost theirs by volunteering or turning their couches into shelters.

Sandy knocked us down but haven't we learned from the past that New York and its inhabitants are resilient? New York is our home, our excitement, our livelihood, our kids.



Like a parent to a child, it takes devotion and care to wake a city. New York, we're coaxing you. Wake up. It's time for breakfast.

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NEWS BRIEFLY

GOP hopeful opposes "rape thing" abortions

OLYMPIA, Wash. — A Republican congressional candidate says abortion should not be legal, even when it involves "the rape thing" according to audio provided Wednesday to The Associated Press.

When asked by an activist during a Sunday fundraiser, Republican hopeful John Koster said he does not oppose abortion when the life of the mother is in danger but then explains he would oppose it when it involves rape or incest.

Koster twice uses the phrase "the rape thing" when describing his views, first saying that he knows a woman who was raped and gave up the child for adoption without any regrets.

"But on the rape thing, it's like, how does putting more violence onto a woman's body and taking the life of an innocent child that's a consequence of this crime, how does that make it better?" Koster said in the exchange.

Murder convict set to receive injection

HUNTSVILLE — Donnie Lee Roberts, convicted in his girlfriend's 2003 slaying, was taken from his death row cell Wednesday and moved to the Texas prison where executions are carried out, one of the final steps before his scheduled lethal injection at the Huntsville Unit prison.

After the U.S. Supreme Court refused to review Roberts' case earlier this week, no additional appeals were filed to try to block his execution, which will be the 12th this year in the nation's most active capital punishment state.

Out-of-box idea helps Russian baby problem

KIRISHI, Russia — A box in which parents can leave their babies anonymously without any legal risk opened Wednesday in a town in northwestern Russia, part of an effort that activists hope will save many young lives.

Opened by Kolybel Nadezhdy (Cradle of Hope), a non-governmental organization, the baby box in Kirishi, an industrial town 60 miles east of St. Petersburg, is the tenth such facility in Russia. Experts think that's just a fraction of what is needed.

"Even if only one child is saved that way it will be worth it," said Tatiana Sobolevskaya, deputy chief of the maternity department of Kirishi's hospital.

Once a baby is put in the box, its door closes and a nurse gets alerted by a signal. There are no security cameras to ensure anonymity. An information stand next to the box appeals to parents to think over their decision and offers contact numbers for assistance.

Day of Dead resurrects memory of missing sons

MEXICO CITY — As people across Mexico prepare Day of the Dead offerings with flowers, food and candy skulls, thousands of families across the country can't mourn their loved ones in the old Mexican tradition, because their relatives have disappeared in the wave of drug-fueled violence.

The Day of the Dead is a difficult time for these families, some of whom cling to hopes that their sons may be alive, perhaps kidnapped and used as forced labor for drug cartels at some remote hideout.

With a mix of denial, hope and desperation, they refuse to dedicate Day of the Dead altars to people often missing for years. They won't accept any but the most certain proof of death, and sometimes reject even that.

— Compiled from Associated Press reports

Karzai picks presidential election date

By Patrick Quinn
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghans will elect a new president in the spring of 2014 in a ballot considered crucial for their country's stability and security after more than 11 years of war.

Afghan politicians and the country's foreign backers hailed Wednesday's announcement as a step toward a peaceful transition of power. The Taliban, who could make or break the poll, denounced it as meaningless and vowed to keep on fighting.

The government-appointed Independent Electoral Commission set polling day as April 5, 2014, the same year that most troops in the U.S.-led NATO coalition will have left in a withdrawal that has already begun.

The date is in line with the Afghan constitution adopted after the coalition ousted the Taliban in 2001. But the Taliban claimed the vote was an American ploy.

"These are not elections, they are selections," said spokesman Qari Youssof Ahmadi. "The U.S. wants to select those people it wants and who will work for the purpose of the enemy. The Afghans know the country is occupied by the enemy, so what do elections mean?"

The Taliban are the country's main opposition group, and President Hamid Karzai has in the past asked the insurgents to lay down their weapons and join the political process. But they have vowed to keep fighting. Still, despite their rhetoric, it remains unclear what the insurgents will do ahead of the elections.



An Afghan man passes by a giant poster of Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai in the center of Kabul, Afghanistan, on Wednesday.

Anja Niedringhaus
Associated Press

Prospects appear bleak. Peace talks are stalled, and the Taliban show no signs of relenting in their fight. During Karzai's decade in office they have never recognized him as president and consider him an American puppet.

The constitution limits Karzai to two terms, and he has said he will not try for a third. But Afghans generally consider his government to be corrupt and to have favored his political allies and members of his family, and although many of the allegations have not been proven, there are concerns he might seek a way to remain in power or appoint a family member to run as a proxy in the 2014 election.

Although no one has openly declared a candidacy, possible contenders

mentioned so far are mostly members of the former Northern Alliance, which ousted the Taliban after the American invasion in late 2001. They include former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah, who lost to Karzai in 2009, and Quayum Karzai, one of the president's brothers.

The International Crisis Group, an independent think tank, warned this

month of a "precipitous slide toward state collapse" unless steps are taken soon to prevent a repeat of the "chaos and chicanery" of the 2009 election.

"Plagued by factionalism and corruption, Afghanistan is far from ready to assume responsibility for security when U.S. and NATO forces withdraw in 2014," the Brussels-based group said.



Seth Wenig | Associated Press

People wait in line to purchase steaks while George Elizalde cooks the food on a grill in front of the Old Homestead Steakhouse in New York on Wednesday.

New York City shops reopen, improvising in Sandy's wake

By Candice Choi & Mae Anderson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Two days after Superstorm Sandy brought business in New York City to a standstill, stores that lost power are again serving customers, albeit by flashlight. Companies with closed offices are setting up shop in coffeehouses. And the owner of the Skylight Diner is borrowing bacon from his neighbors because the restaurant's cupboard is bare.

The world's financial center is struggling to get back to work as it deals with a subway system that's still crippled by the worst damage in its 108-year-history and power outages in major sections of the city. That's kept both employees and customers at bay. As a result, corner bodegas

are looking for creative ways to get their businesses back up and running.

While the impact of Sandy varies, New York City's businesses face billions of dollars in damages and lost sales. So while reopening quickly is a priority, it can require resourcefulness and a smidge of creativity.

For Teddy Papaioannou, that meant calling in some favors. On Wednesday, the co-owner of the Skylight Diner was running low on supplies at his restaurant in the midtown section of the Manhattan borough, so he borrowed a few pounds of bacon from his neighbors who also are restaurant owners.

Papaioannou and his brother and father, who all own the diner jointly, were so eager to open that the three of them even chauffeured a total

of 20 employees around on Tuesday and Wednesday.

"Closing for three days would ruin us for a month," he said.

In the lower section of Manhattan, where a massive power outage persisted, things got even trickier for businesses that wanted to reopen.

Bareburger in the trendy Chelsea neighborhood in lower Manhattan was grilling burgers outside and giving them away, asking only for donations for the Red Cross. The restaurant, which has been in the neighborhood for a year, has lost several thousand dollars a day since losing power Monday. Workers iced down the restaurant's meat but decided to grill after they realized it wouldn't be safe to eat after Wednesday.

Board members claim school funding unequal

Several Texas school board members testified Wednesday that differences in property values lead to unequal taxation and funding for public schools.

The school board members complained about how some wealthy districts can raise more money at lower tax rates, creating inequities between neighboring communities. More than 600 school districts have sued the state over the way it finances schools, claiming the system is inadequate and unfair.

Kaufman resident Joseph Langston said his district charges the maximum property tax rate of \$1.17 per \$100 valuation and raises \$5,814 per student. But the nearby Sunnyvale school district charges only \$1.02 and raises \$6,657 per student.

"I believe it is discriminatory. It is unfair to Kaufman residents," he said, explaining that 65 percent of the students in

the district are poor. "If we had more money, we could provide a better education. We're doing the best that we can, but we're falling short of what we could do."

Attorneys for the state argued that local authorities who determine property values and the tax rate are the problem, not the system with which Texas funds public schools using a combination of local property taxes, funds transfers and sales taxes. Assistant Attorney General Bill Deane also pressed the witnesses on why per student spending varies dramatically from school to school within districts.

Randy Pittenger, a social worker who serves on the Belton school board, said different costs reflected different teacher salaries as well as the types of students each school serves. Higher spending campuses have lower income students who are harder to educate, he said.

—Associated Press



Ralph Barrera | Associated Press

Fifteen lawyers representing six different plaintiff groups crowded one side of the Travis County courtroom of state District Judge John Dietz on Monday.

VIEWPOINT

Perry and Planned Parenthood should consider compromises

It's hard to follow all the bricks being thrown in the fight between Gov. Rick Perry and Planned Parenthood. However, one thing is for sure: Health care for low-income Texas women has taken a backseat to both sides' political and ideological maneuvering.

According to the Associated Press, Gov. Rick Perry stood at a health clinic near Georgetown yesterday and announced that Texas was ready to begin using state funds to finance women's health care initiatives that would take the place of those typically provided by the federal government. But, according to The Texas Tribune, later in the day Stephanie Goodman, a Texas Health and Human Services Commission spokeswoman, effectively denied the governor's claims by clarifying that the state-led program would not begin quite yet.

"We're continuing with the Medicaid program until [the federal government] cuts off the funding or we have a final court decision that wouldn't allow us to enforce state law," Goodman told The Texas Tribune.

The law Goodman is referring to was passed by the Texas Legislature in 2011, and bars the state from funding organizations that provide abortion services. But the state doesn't have the resources yet to provide equivalent services to those — unrelated to abortions — now available

through Planned Parenthood. Despite Perry's posturing, the reality is that Texas can't replace the 90 percent of funding the federal government provides the Texas Women's Health Program.

And for its part, Planned Parenthood has spent its time in court, asking in September for all the judges at the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to rehear its case opposing Texas' plans after a three-judge panel issued a decision in Planned Parenthood Association, et al. v. Thomas Suehs allowing Texas to block Planned Parenthood and other providers that offer abortions from the program. When the 5th Circuit rejected Planned Parenthood's request for a full court hearing, the organization went to state court in Austin in late October and persuaded District Judge Amy Clark Meachum to issue a restraining order allowing Planned Parenthood to remain a part of the Texas Women's Health Program.

There is an alternative route that Planned Parenthood could pursue, according to what UT law professor Stefanie Lindquist, the associate dean for external affairs, told The Daily Texan last September. "It may be possible for the clinics to disassociate from Planned Parenthood in some way to avoid the 'identifying mark' but to comply with the [5th Circuit] ruling, they might also have to

Health care for low-income Texas women has taken a backseat to both sides' political and ideological maneuvering.

forgo informing women about their right to an elective abortion," Lindquist wrote in an email.

Lindquist qualified that suggestion, noting that "The [5th Circuit] panel held that the plaintiff clinics had implicitly conceded that they promote abortion within the meaning of the regulation" and that "... [I]t is hard to tell exactly what options might be available short of litigation."

With all the bluster and posturing in the court and at press conferences, one notion seems worth underscoring: both sides should compromise and figure out how low-income women in Texas may continue to have the advantage of federal funding for their health care. Meanwhile, Texas politicians, eager to appease a conservative constituency, already have made the point that they don't like taxpayer dollars going to support abortion clinics. If it takes a name change, so be it. If it takes a governor being less than forthcoming, we're used to that.

GALLERY



Taking our penguins elsewhere

By Paul Marbach
Guest Columnist

"And Then Came Tango," a play written for second- and third-grade audiences, which I am the composer and music director for, is based on the true story of Roy and Silo, two male penguins in the Central Park Zoo who formed a pair bond, built a nest together, raised an egg of their own and hatched Tango, a healthy baby penguin. The piece uses dance, music, dialogue and pedagogy to guide young audiences through a tender issue in a controlled, engaging way that focuses on student voices.

Work on "Tango" began about two years ago, and this semester the UT Department of Theatre and Dance planned to perform the show at 10 Austin Independent School District elementary schools as part of the 2012 Theatre for Young Audiences tour.

That plan fell through Monday night.

We had anticipated controversy, so the production team spent last semester organizing the tour with AISD. The content of the play was made known to AISD administrators in a transparent way. Thumbs-up were given. If there were problems with the play, then would have been the right time for administrators make it known.

Still, after the first show at Lee Elementary on Oct. 16, the tour was put on hold when school administrators, particularly Lee Elementary's principal, expressed concern that the play contained themes of "sex and sexuality." The tour was immediately stopped to allow for review by AISD principals and administrators.

While many in AISD supported the play, the district's leaders became consumed by gridlock, throwing into doubt the possibility of a resolution. With four cancelled performances, unresponsive AISD representatives and a semester quickly slipping away, the Theatre and Dance faculty needed to ensure that the UT theatre students in the production still had a chance to tour. They made the tough call to cancel the remaining AISD shows and focus on finding private schools, charter schools and non-AISD schools that would have us.

I can see why human sexuality would be a bad thing to put in front of second-graders. Sexual education begins (at the earliest) in fifth grade in Texas. But LGBT families aren't a human sexuality topic. You can't simply avoid talking about a particular minority in schools because you're afraid it's too controversial. Just ask any AISD student with two moms or a gay uncle. Seeing a non-traditional family in a place where queer voices are completely unrepresented would have made an important impact on students' ability to communicate with one another about the evolving 21st-century family. Missing the opportunity to make that kind of impact is what upsets me most about the tour's cancellation.

Suppression of dialogue about LGBT families in public elementary schools isn't just heteronormative. It's outright homophobic. It tells LGBT parents that there isn't a place at the table for them or their kids — not until fifth grade, anyhow.

And "Tango" is at its core about families, not sexuality. It includes single-parent households, like the one our protagonist Lily comes from, as well as two-parent heterosexual families, like other penguin pairs in the play. And, yes, two-parent LGBT families, like Roy and Silo's. The implication that "And Then Came Tango" is too risqué for second-graders in a city like Austin, Texas, illustrates just how important it is that we get this play into public schools to do our part to stop homophobia.

This controversy isn't about sex or sexuality; it's about fear — election-year fears, fear of parental backlash, anxiety over the possibility of lost jobs in the school district's administration. These fears ultimately led to a pocket veto and tacit censorship by the leadership of AISD. Here's hoping that the next crack they get at expressing tolerance and accepting new realities goes better. Until then, the penguins of "Tango" will tour elsewhere.

But we sure ruffled some feathers, didn't we?

Marbach is composer and music director for "And Then Came Tango."

Second-guessing Livestrong's lure

By Laura Wright
Daily Texan Columnist

I had already written "complete Livestrong internship application" on my to-do list when I spotted the bright yellow type on the cover of Outside magazine last January. It read, "Lance & Livestrong: What Does Armstrong Really Do to Fight Cancer?"

Just two semesters before, I had sat in the front row of a small class on civic engagement and listened to Doug Ulman, current CEO of Livestrong, give a guest lecture. Ulman spoke for over an hour about the efforts of Livestrong to improve the lives of cancer victims. I remember that Ulman awed the class with a story about how, when it seemed that a congressman was going to vote against a piece of legislation that Livestrong supported, the organization made a mock-up of an ad and sent it to the congressman's office. The ad had a picture of the congressman's daughter, who had suffered from cancer, framed by the words "Congressman So-and-So Doesn't Care about Cancer ... or His Daughter." (Ulman did not name the specific congressman or legislation).

The students in the class were spellbound by Ulman's "fight like hell" attitude against cancer. At the end of the lecture, Ulman tweeted, "Hanging at UT ... talking cancer, justice, and society," with specific mentions of the students he had spoken with. I left the classroom flattered by the tweet, energized by Ulman's speech and completely convinced that Livestrong was the best nonprofit in the country. The organization just seemed so cool.

Which is why the January issue of Outside criticizing the organization surprised me. The article successfully toppled my impression of Livestrong as a flawless organization, not by directly contradicting anything Ulman had said, but by alerting me to facts he seemed to have selectively forgotten. The article reported that the foundation started phasing out funding for hard science in 2005 and, as of 2010, no longer awarded research grants. It also took aim at Livestrong's tendency to spend massively on advertising and marketing while categorizing their donations of the famous yellow bracelets as "programming expenses" because they "raise awareness."

Livestrong does provide legitimate programming to people dealing with cancer, just like Ulman said. In 2010, according to Outside, the foundation spent \$424,000 on its "Livestrong at the Y" program, which provides services to people dealing with cancer at YMCAs across the nation, as well as \$630,000 for its "Livestrong at School" program, which offers free lesson plans about cancer awareness to teachers. However, the foundation spent \$4.2 million on advertising

Although Livestrong certainly does something for cancer, it does not fund cancer research.

in 2010 and, in 2009, built an office space in East Austin for another \$3.7 million. To be fair, the office also functions as a walk-in consultation center for cancer patients.

In the wake of the scandal about Armstrong's alleged doping, students stood on the West Mall this past week and passed out yellow bracelets, many calling out that the bracelets were for cancer research. It wouldn't take much work for these students to discover that that's not actually the case. Had they looked carefully on the Livestrong website, the students would have found that although Livestrong certainly does something for cancer, it does not fund cancer research.

When browsing Livestrong's website, it's pretty difficult to tell exactly what it is doing for cancer. The first program listed on its website is its Anti-Stigma Campaign, which Ulman mentioned to my class in the spring of 2011. But the webpage for this program hasn't been updated in over two years. The first sentence still reads "In 2010, LIVESTRONG will initiate a pilot campaign in South Africa and Mexico that will seek to ... reduce the stigma associated with cancer."

Livestrong does provide monetary support to Planet Cancer, an online network for young cancer patients. The Planet Cancer website references Livestrong several times in the "What We Do" section of its website, accompanied by a "donate" button in the top right corner of the screen. It also references the Livestrong Young Adult Alliance, a coalition of organizations that has, with seed money provided by Livestrong, become a standalone nonprofit called Critical Mass.

The point isn't that Livestrong isn't doing anything for cancer patients and survivors. The point is that people, especially college students (this one included) allow themselves to be sucked into the lure of nonprofit causes by powerful personas without taking the time to thoroughly research what they are supporting. In the wake of Armstrong's doping allegations, students have finally started to examine the national nonprofit located just a few miles away from campus. But they should have started thinking about it the moment they bought the yellow bracelets.

Wright is a Plan II and biology junior from San Antonio.

FIRING LINE

Stop pushing Prop. 1

Has the Texan become a cheering squad for the upcoming medical school initiative and its related tax increase? Who cares if Judith Zaffirini supports it or not? She's not going to be paying the taxes to make it happen.

That's besides the inconvenient view that Texas doesn't need another medical school and that this initiative is simply UT and Austin urban ego speaking — and trying to get taxpayers to pay for it.

— Alan McKendree

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CAMPUS



Pu Ying Huang | Daily Texan Staff

Gloria Lee, Kappa Lambda vice president, conducts a human trafficking workshop using scenes from the movie 'Taken' as part of the sorority's philanthropy week Wednesday evening.

Sorority plans week to promote awareness of human trafficking

By Carly Coen

Kappa Phi Lambda informed students about how human trafficking is a local problem despite misconceptions that abductions only happen overseas.

Kappa Phi Lambda sorority, a member of the Texas Asian Pan-Hellenic Council, pulled attention to the contrast between the reality of human trafficking and its portrayal in the media on the third day of its annual philanthropy week, "Fight the Fright." Human trafficking is the focus of the sorority's local philanthropic group, the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women.

Gloria Lee, textiles and apparel and pre-med senior and vice-president of the sorority, led a punctuated screening of the movie "Taken" to cite the differences between kidnapping and prostitution on screen and in real life. Lee said the

sorority advocates for Asian women who have fallen victim to human trafficking. In association with the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women, Lee said the sorority works to raise awareness of and to fight modern forms of slavery.

"When we talk about human trafficking, the first thing you think of is prostitution, but there isn't a particular group or race that is targeted," Lee said. "It's a very real business, and it does happen in America."

Government involvement in human trafficking helps to make it the second most profitable criminal field in the world behind drug trafficking, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Errors in movie and TV depictions stem from the incorrect perception that people are not smuggled in their own communities.

"Just because we don't see it happening doesn't mean

it's not right in front of us," Emily Leigh, advertising senior and Kappa Phi Lambda member, said. "People forget that it's not always prostitution. It can be slavery of any form."

Accounting junior Shawn Nghoh said the event helped the issue seem more relevant to student life, because it brought up the different kinds of people involved in abduction.

"I never thought of it as a business. Knowing that some of these guys are just businessmen making money to take care of their families makes it so real. They don't have to be gangsters; they could just be walking down the street," Nghoh said.

Kappa Phi Lambda will host a lemonade stand fundraiser Thursday in support of the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum, a movement to promote social equality for Asian Pacific Islander women, to conclude "Fight the Fright" week.

HEALTH

Child obesity increase proves major problem

By Carly Coen

Ellen Wartella, a professor of psychology, communication, human development and social policy at Northwestern University, emphasized the growing crisis of child obesity and efforts to correct it at her lecture called "Food Marketing and the Childhood Obesity Crisis."

One in three kids and teens in the United States is obese, according to the American Heart Association.

Wartella said she serves on panels, including the PBS Kids Next Generation Media Advisory Board, to minimize the number of advertisements for unhealthy packaged or processed foods, a critical source of cultural influence that can lead to childhood obesity.

"The whole issue has become much more prominent in the last few years," Wartella said. "We're seeing the first generation of children that might not live as long as their parents."

At the event, the College of Communication presented her with the Wayne A. Danielson Award for Distinguished Contributions to Communication for her persistence in solving the growing crisis of childhood obesity in America. The talk was directed at students in the College of Communication in hopes that they could one day play a positive role in advertising healthier foods to combat obesity, Wartella said.

Public relations senior Enrique Garay said Wartella was correct when it comes to parents not understanding what is and is not essential to their child's nutrition. Garay said his family meals growing up often included high-calorie foods

“As we get used to more people being overweight, we don't think of being overweight as bad ... our definition of health keeps slipping.”

— Ellen Wartella
Northwestern University professor

that are part of his culture.

"I know what it feels like to be obese. Parents like mine don't have the knowledge that some other households have about healthy eating habits," Garay said.

Wartella's suggestions for ending the child obesity crisis include reforms in the food and beverage advertising industry and limits on advertisements for unhealthy products. Radio-television-film professor Joseph Straubhaar said college students tend to forget they might be a parent in the future and what it means to live a healthy lifestyle.

"People in their teens and early 20s think they're going to be healthy no matter what they do, but you still see obese people on campus," Straubhaar said.

Wartella said a major problem is the steadily increasing minimum weight used to define obesity. She said the increasing proportion of obesity in the general population creates social acceptance of a health risk.

"As we get used to more people being overweight, we don't think of being overweight as bad," Wartella said. "Our definition of health just keeps slipping."

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"We have done this every year since the bill was passed, and this is the lowest the rank requirement has gotten," Ishop said. "The first year the mark was 8 percent, the second was 9 percent and then back to 8 percent for those applying this year."

She said the large number of incoming freshmen this year — the largest in UT's history at 8,092 students — had an impact in determining the threshold for automatic admission to the University in 2014.

"Given that the incoming freshman class from 2012 was much larger than we expected it to be, we had to choose 7 percent in order to meet the threshold requirements dictated by the state," Ishop said.

State Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, chair of the House Higher Education Committee, said he helped pass the legislation allowing UT to determine its own automatic admission requirements to give the University the ability to choose some of the students it admits using its holistic review process. He said nearly 85 percent of UT's in-state freshmen were admitted automatically in 2011, the last year before the policy change.

"We want the University to be able to fill at least one fourth of [its] class through recruiting and holistic review so it can fill the various needs of the different colleges and keep the quality of the University," Branch said.

Branch said no other university in Texas receives enough applications from students eligible for automatic admittance to warrant a similar limit anywhere other than UT-Austin.

The remaining slots available for students entering in 2014 will continue to be filled through holistic review, a process which considers an applicant's academic and personal achievement.

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Hall of Fame honors longtime golf coach

Men’s golf head coach John Fields will be inducted into the Golf Coaches Association of America 2012 Hall of Fame Class. He will officially be honored on Dec. 10 at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas.

He, along with coaches J. Perry Cole of LSU, Jerry Hrnčiar of Cameron and Harry Mus-satto of Western Illinois will be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Fields was named Texas’ golf coach in 1997 and has led the team to five top-five finishes at the NCAA Championships and a national championship in 2012. The year he was awarded the Dave Williams Award as the national coach of the year.

- Lauren Giudice

Royal holding auction

Day by day, Alzheimer’s disease is robbing Edith Royal of her beloved husband Darrell.

“He’s in his childhood now,” she said in an interview this week at the assisted living facility where they live. “Some-times, you wonder if anybody is ever going to make a break-through fighting this disease.”

She is doing what she can to help, while also caring for the former Texas coach who won two national championships with the Longhorns in 1963 and 1969, a share of a third in 1970 and is still regarded as one of the giants in the game.

Edith Royal is putting some of the family’s personal memorabilia up for auction Nov. 11 in Austin. Swome of the proceeds will go to the Darrell K Royal Research Fund for Alzheimer’s Disease launched earlier this year.

Although Royal gave away many of his awards and mementos over the years, and the trophies he won are kept at the school, the couple still has too much to keep — and much to share.

The items at auction trace his life from the scrappy kid growing up in the poverty of the Dust Bowl-era in Hollis, Okla., to his rise as one of the great coaches in college history. Royal coached Texas from 1957-1976, won 11 Southwest Conference titles and introduced an innovation known as the wishbone offense to major college football in 1968.

“I’m hoping that Darrell’s fans will be the ones that purchase the UT things and they will treasure them like we have. I love the memories — it was fun to rediscover them,” she said.

- Associated Press

FOOTBALL

Horns facing revitalized Tech defense

By Chris Hummer

It was only a year ago when the Longhorns’ offense demolished the Red Raiders’ defense for 52 points and a staggering 439 yards rushing.

It will likely be a much different story Saturday.

The 2011 Texas Tech defense finished 114th in the nation in total defense and allowed 485.6 yards per game. But with the help of new defensive coordinator Art Kaufman, the Red Raiders completely turned things around. Now they’re ranked 12th in total defense and only allow 300 yards a contest in the point-happy Big 12.

“The biggest difference in Tech is their defense,” head coach Mack Brown said. “That has been an absolutely amazing transition. They haven’t been this good on defense since I’ve been here.”

Tech’s defensive turnaround almost mirrors the Longhorns’ collapse. Last season Texas’ defense finished 11th in total defense, but in 2012 the group — with seven returning starters — has plummeted to 96th.

Fortunately for the group, its job is not to go up against a swarming Raiders defense.



Lawrence Peart | Daily Texan Staff

Wide receiver Marquise Goodwin is third on the team with 19 receptions and has two touchdowns so far this season. He and the offense are looking to get back on the right track against a revitalized Texas Tech defense.

That responsibility lies with a Longhorn offense that failed to score against lowly Kansas for a 46-minute stretch of Saturday’s contest.

However, it’s also the same Longhorns attack that blasted Baylor for 56 points the week before, utilizing

a punishing rush attack to open up the passing game.

It’s an inconsistent streak that’s turned into a pattern over the past four games.

Texas has put up a total of 45, 21, 56 and 21 points in that stretch. It’s an area in which the offense knows it

needs to become more dependable and it starts with all 11 players executing on every play.

“If you have 10 of the 11 doing their job, you really don’t have any chance,” offensive lineman Mason Walters said. “Everybody took

their turn on Saturday being that guy. You wish you could just have all 11 guys do the wrong thing on one play, but that’s not the way it happens.”

If the Longhorns execute

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FANTASY FOOTBALL

Foster racking up points, Tate lacks consistency

By David Leffler

By now, many fantasy owners have given up because of player injuries or little success. Although things may seem bleak, don’t give up. There is still plenty of time for struggling owners to make a run and be this year’s Cinderella team. Here are a few fantasy tidbits to kickstart that winning streak many owners desperately need:

Start:

1) Arian Foster, RB, Houston Texans

Let’s be real, anyone who isn’t starting Arian Foster on a regular basis is borderline insane. That applies especially to this week, when Foster faces the Bills. Buffalo has the second-worst fantasy defense against opposing running backs and allowed a whopping four rushing touchdowns against the Titans in its last game. Coming off of his bye week, Foster will be rested and ready to rack up the fantasy points.

2) James Jones, WR, Green Bay Packers

After a fiery stretch in which he caught two touchdowns in three straight games, Jones has cooled off over the past two weeks, failing to reach the end zone or eclipse 100 yards receiving in either contest. However, with Aaron Rodgers heating up and returning to MVP form, Jones should get some good opportunities against the Cardinals on Sunday.

3) Jimmy Graham, TE, New Orleans Saints

Many people have forgotten about Graham, whose production faded after he suffered an ankle injury in week four against the Packers. However, Graham was able to score against the Broncos on Sunday night, albeit during garbage time, and he faces a struggling Eagles team this week. Saints fans haven’t had much to cheer about this season, but with the



David Einsel | Associated Press

Arian Foster has nine touchdowns this season. He will face off against the struggling Bills defense Sunday.

Superdome sure to be rocking for Monday Night Football, Graham should provide some fireworks.

Sit:

1) Matt Hasselbeck, QB, Tennessee Titans

A week after appearing on this list as a player to start, Hasselbeck is now on the outside looking in. Although he has played well in Jake Locker’s absence, a date with Chicago’s opportunistic defense looms Sunday, spelling trouble for the veteran QB. The Bears have the best fantasy defense against opposing quarterbacks and have only allowed one passing touchdown in their past three games.

2) Kyle Rudolph, TE, Minnesota Vikings

Rudolph is a bit of an anomaly in that he has five touchdowns this year but has only eclipsed 50 yards receiving twice. Clearly, the Vikings view him solely as a red zone threat and don’t give him many opportunities in the passing game. Considering he has a combined two catches and 17 yards over the

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past two games, Rudolph can’t be considered a legitimate fantasy starter.

3) Golden Tate, WR, Seattle Seahawks

Many believed this would be a breakout year for Tate. Instead Tate has only one touchdown reception since week three and has struggled with dropped passes. With a rookie quarterback directing the offense and the Seahawks facing the Vikings, who rank fourth defensively against opposing wide receivers, Tate should be in for a quiet game.

VOLLEYBALL | NO. 7 TEXAS 3, TCU 0



Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan Staff

Freshman Molly McCage had a season-high 10 kills and hit .833 during Texas’ 3-0 sweep of TCU.

McCage leads sweep, unbeaten streak grows

By Sara Beth Purdy

Freshman middle blocker Molly McCage had a breakout night Wednesday against the TCU Horned Frogs in Fort Worth. The Longhorns secured the victory while extending their win streak to 13.

The Longhorns swept the Horned Frogs 3-0 (25-17, 25-16, 25-17).

With the sweep, the No. 7 Longhorns extended their record to 19-3 on the season while maintaining a perfect 11-0 in Big 12 play. TCU fell to 13-10

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SOCCER | TEXAS 3, OKLAHOMA 0



Pu Ying Huang | Daily Texan Staff

Freshman Kelsey Shimmick scored two goals during Texas’ quarterfinal matchup. Texas moves on to play TCU on Friday.

Texas dominates, advances to semis

By Wes Maulsby

Texas and Oklahoma played a close game that was decided by a single goal in September. This time, Wednesday afternoon, the Longhorns came out and made a statement that they are a serious contender for the Big 12 crown with a 3-0

victory over the Sooners.

The three goals were the product of the coming-out-party for freshman Kelsey Shimmick, who scored two goals in the game. She almost completed the hat trick, but the Sooners’ attempts to clear her first shot of the game went in for

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on each play, they'll have a chance to get the best of the Tech defense for the second week in a row. The Red Raiders play an aggressive style of defense. They stack the line while leaving their corners on an island, daring the quarterback to throw.

This means the Longhorns' stacked backfield likely won't be as effective as usual, but it should give David Ash an opportunity to have a huge comeback game with one-on-one matchups to the outside.

For that to work, each member of the group has to do his duty. The center has to snap the ball correctly, each lineman has to hold

his block, the running back must step up in protection, the wide outs must beat the coverage quickly and the quarterback must deliver an accurate ball.

It'll be a tough task, but at least for the wide receivers, the thought of one-on-one coverage has them salivating.

"I'm actually really excited that they play a lot of man," wide receiver Marquise Goodwin said. "Get a guy out there on my island, just me and him. We'll see. The best man will win on that route."

That's the attitude the offense needs to come out of Lubbock with the win: all 11 guys thinking they're the best player in each matchup and coming out on top the majority of the time. If not, Tech will continue its ascent and the Longhorns will continue to flounder.

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on the season and 2-8 in conference play.

McCage logged 10 kills, a college career high, while hitting an impressive .833. Both junior Bailey Webster and sophomore Haley Eckerman had dominating nights with double digit kills of 15 and 14, respectively. Eckerman also had

17 digs and three service aces against TCU.

Texas hit .423 for the night while its defense held the Horned Frogs to a hitting line of .158, holding them to a mere .034 in set one. Texas also dominated in the error count, accumulating only nine errors on the night to 14 accumu-

lated by the Horned Frogs in three sets.

The Horned Frogs were led by Mattie Burleson, who hit .333 for the night while logging nine kills, and totaled a team-high 12 points.

The Longhorns, behind head coach Jerrett Elliott, are one Big 12 win away

from tying the record for best conference start with 12 wins. This is also the sixth straight season that Texas has posted a winning streak of at least 13 wins.

They face No. 16 Kansas at home Friday at 7 p.m. in Gregory Gym. The Longhorn Network will cover the game.

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an own goal.

Less than three minutes later, Chantale Campbell set up Shimmick 14 yards out for another goal to give the Longhorns a 2-0 lead

in the 28th minute. Texas nearly tripled the number of shots of the Sooners and was able to get a lot more pressure on the Oklahoma defense. Only two Oklahoma shots were on goal, and Abby Smith made saves on both of them. The shut-out was Smith's sixth of the season, matching a Texas

freshman record.

Both teams exchanged shots throughout the game before Texas put the game away in the 81st minute. Emily Campbell delivered a pass to Shimmick around midfield that turned into a breakaway. Shimmick got past the defense and put the ball past Oklahoma keeper

Kelsey Devonshire.

Shimmick's two-goal game is the fourth by a Texas player in the Big 12 Tournament and the second by a freshman.

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CAMPUS

Night dance spotlights bike safety

By Jasmin Castañon

There are 11,563 registered bikes at UT, according to Parking and Transportation Services. While biking without a helmet is legal in the state of Texas, biking at night without a bike light is still against the law.

LIGHT | NIGHT, “the bike light dance project,” raises awareness about bike safety at night through an abstract dance performance that includes hula hoopers, jugglers, baton twirlers and, of course, dancers all in costumes that incorporate LED lights. As the sun goes down Saturday, the student dancers will only be visible by the lights that illuminate their bodies.

Two hundred and seventy bike lights will be distributed to students, faculty and staff holding a valid UT ID at the event. Another 200 bike lights that were donated to the production will be distributed to the Austin community.

LIGHT | NIGHT was selected by a cross-disciplinary and cross-departmental panel of students, administrators and staff based on its “poetic and unexpected approach to communicating safety issues.”

The idea for the project was first conceived last spring by students in “Design and Persuasion,” a class taught by Gloria Lee, art and art history associate professor. Kate Bedford, graduate architecture student and campaign coordinator for the UT Safe Cycling



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LIGHT | NIGHT is a five part performance that hopes to inspire people to bike with a light at night. There will be 270 bike lights passed out to UT students, faculty and staff at the performance Friday.

Campaign, suggested that students in the class come up with a way to give out bicycle lights and inform people of their importance while riding at night.

Andrea Beckham, theatre and dance senior lecturer, choreographed the production, largely comprised of abstract modern dance. Beckham wanted to keep the performance whimsical and fun, which is why baton twirlers, jugglers and LED hula hoops were added.

“The premise that we started working with was, ‘If you have a light on you, you are seen, and if you don’t have a light on you, you are not seen,’” Beckham said. “We have things that move in the dark, but you don’t notice

What: LIGHT | NIGHT
Where: LBJ Library Plaza
When: Saturday, November 3 at 6:30 p.m.

them because there is no light. It’s symbolic.”

Beckham brought in performers from various backgrounds to participate in the production.

Rebecca Goldstein, a theatre and dance senior, is both a dancer and a biker in the production. Goldstein participates in one of the quicker, more aerobic pieces.

“It is more of an infusion of hip-hop and ballet, actually, while the other pieces are more of a contemporary style,” Goldstein said. “We begin with a lot of lights on our body, but just as

the sun begins to disappear, so do our lights.”

LIGHT | NIGHT consists of five different parts that help illustrate the struggles faced in the darkness. The event intends to serve as a symbol and poetic reminder of the importance of being seen at night. “I think cyclists and pedestrians need to be aware of how invisible they are to drivers of cars. And with everyone being distracted, overloaded and with busy streets, the safety issues are real and growing,” Lee said. “People need to be aware, alert and safe.”

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National Language Creation Society convention in Austin. The event will be held in the Student Activity Center and will be free and open to the public. It will feature lectures by Peterson and other prominent conlangers.

Although Sands believes that studying conlanging would be beneficial for a student of linguistics, he admits that a lot of actual linguists would probably disagree, ex-

plaining that in the academic community, many feel that conlanging is a waste of time and not real linguistics. Others both inside and outside the academic community feel that conlanging veers too easily into the realm of cultural exploitation (viewers of “Game of Thrones” will remember how the portrayal of the Dothraki race on the show, including the conlang the Dothraki people speak, seemed to many like a portrayal of Native Americans as “barbaric” and “exotic”).

Anthony Woodbury, a linguistics and anthropol-

What: UT Language Creation Society
Where: Cal 21
When: Thursday at 6 p.m.

ogy professor, explained that although linguists are amused by conlanging, it’s not on their radar.

“No [linguists] so far have figured out how to extract deep principles of human language out of the study of [the conlanging] phenomenon,” Woodbury said.

Consequently, conlanging has been largely ignored by academic linguists.

However, Woodbury is

quick to remember Marc Okrand, a classmate of his from graduate school at the University of California at Berkeley, who was both an accomplished linguist and a conlanger. Okrand invented Klingon, a language he intentionally designed to sound “alien.”

“It’s sort of a linguist’s inside joke, because in designing it Mark broke all the rules of language,” Woodbury said.

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on,” Kirkpatrick said. “Not sure if he ever landed on an answer, but that might be in the book.”

Another one of the musicians’ weird hobbies and interests is their fascination with faith and spirituality. The Magnetic Zeros have faced accusations of being an undercover Christian band in a cool disguise as a result of lyrics that hint at different elements of faith and varying beliefs.

“We are definitely not pushing one religious belief over another and are definitely not a ‘Christian’

band,” Kirkpatrick said. “These are [spiritual] questions we deal with in our lives, and therefore they got brought up in song.”

Letts said the band draws the majority of its material from its members’ own life experiences. Even the story from “Home” of female lead singer Jade Castrinos, a former love interest of Ebert, falling and “[breaking] her ass” is true.

“Yeah, that’s a true story. She fell out of a window, and Alex jumped out after her,” Letts said. “You gotta write what you know. You have to

write honest lyrics. It’s all true.”

This honesty can be felt most in the band’s live performances. It is not uncommon for Ebert to ask the audience questions like, “How old were you when you found out you were going to die?”

The band gives a highly energetic live performance. Ebert commonly takes the stage barefoot and in all-white clothing, which makes him appear inexplicably godlike. Violent fits of foot-stomping and dancing are frequent throughout the show, and the troupe of

magnetic zeroes are equally as lively for the duration of the performance.

Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros could be a mission-bound band sent by the gods to save us all from hate and dishonesty, or they could just be a group of artistic adults who enjoy charming audiences with their distinct personalities and musical talents.

Edward Sharpe and The Magnetic Zeros will be playing Sunday at Auditorium Shores as a part of the seventh annual Fun Fun Fun Fest music festival

CITY

Torchy’s Tacos launches taco cannon for festival

By Eli Watson

The Torchy’s Tacos taco cannon stands proudly on all-terrain wheels. It is coated in jet black paint, with its long barrel pointing high towards the sky. The cannon’s controller shoots off three tacos in rapid succession. The explosion excites cheers and claps from people hoping to catch one of the tacos. One by one each taco is grabbed, unwrapped and eaten. The smell of drizzled cheese, sizzled chilies and grilled chicken invade the nostrils of its catcher.

Matt Mandrella, Transmission Events marketing director, maintains a stern face as he describes the cannon specifically made for this year’s Fun Fun Fun Fest music festival. It’s an invention born out of whiskey nights at the Mo-hawk, and regardless of how comical it sounds, Mandrella takes the cannon very seriously. It follows FFF tradition: transforming harebrained ideas into successful realities.

“The cannon has been a couple of years in the making,” Mandrella said. “We wanted to have it at last year’s FFF, but the technology was not available at the time, and we felt our fans deserved something better than a modified potato cannon.”

Undeterred, Mandrella, FFF co-founder James Moody and Brittany Platt, director of marketing and communications for Torchy’s Tacos, devoted the months following last year’s FFF to create a taco-shooting machine.

“I seriously envisioned a warlike cannon shooting tacos at people,” biology senior Waytao Shing said.

Shing, who attended the FFF Aqua Olympics, an event catered to getting FFF patrons excited for the festival, was surprised to see what the cannon really was:

a 12-chambered T-shirt cannon, redesigned to project delectable tacos.

At 750 pounds and powered by a car battery and pressurized carbon dioxide, the cannon has serious muscle.

“It takes 40 pounds of carbon dioxide to get through three rounds of Gatling gun-style shots,” Mandrella said. “12 barrels in each round, so 36 shots total per round.”

The cannon can shoot tacos around 200 feet if the wind conditions are ideal.

Inevitably, Mandrella and the crew experienced problems with the taco cannon during its early use, including deciding what material to properly wrap the tacos in and angling the cannon for the best trajectory results. Those involved went through multiple test runs to utilize the cannon’s full potential.

“We disintegrated several hundred dollars of tacos before our homies at Torchy’s helped us figure out how to make [the taco cannon] shoot perfectly,” Mandrella said.

After working with different materials, Platt realized that bandanas were best to wrap the tacos.

FFF begins Friday, and the cannon will be launching tacos on each of the festival’s four stages. The cannon will shoot an assortment of tacos, vegetarian and nonvegetarian alike.

Mandrella is enthusiastic about the cannon’s future. He hopes to create a Taco-Copter and, although unrelated, hopes to have jet packs for FFF’s PIP (VIP) patrons. Although the latter is highly unlikely, the helicopter may actually be plausible.

The future is still a million taco launches away. For now, Mandrella and his taco-cata-pulting cohorts have only one goal in mind: to shoot explosions of savoriness into the arms of FFF attendees.



Photo Courtesy of Brittany Platt

The Torchy’s Tacos taco cannon will be shooting off bandana-wrapped tacos all weekend during Fun Fun Fun Fest.

BRAIN

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Winslow shares Raghunathan’s belief that happiness can be achieved through more consideration of the experiences in life.

“You need to have satisfying, close relationships. You need to find satisfaction or contentment in your vocation, not a paycheck but a true calling that makes you happy,” Winslow said. “Spirituality, too. There’s something there related to altruism. People who volunteer are happier than people who don’t. There’s also leisure.

You have to enjoy your family and your free time.”

Raghunathan said that in his speech Thursday, he hopes to convey the idea that happiness is more than the material and those who are more intelligent are more likely to come to that conclusion.

“I want to convey that the journey toward figuring out the true determinants of happiness is a fulfilling journey. It’s something that can be a lot of fun and very absorbing,” Raghunathan said. “I want to say to stop being desperate for happiness and just be curious about the idea. It can make for a really great adventure in life.”

What: Texas Enterprise Speaker Series
Who: Professor Raj Raghunathan of Red McCombs Business School
When: Thursday 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Where: AT&T Conference Center

nal would have to be sent at more than 10,000 times the universal speed limit, contradicting Einstein’s Theory of Relativity, one of the strongest theories in science. So who’s correct? Einstein or quantum theory? The team developed a test that could answer this question that is just on the cusp of what we are currently capable of performing experimentally. However, no matter the results, they promise to offer more questions than answers.

Food for thought

Although it may not always seem to be the case, humans have abnormally large brains — the largest of all the primates alive today — despite our unimpressive body sizes. Gorillas, for comparison’s sake, can be

three times larger than we are. A new study published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences explains that if not for our ability to cook food, such a magnificent brain may not have evolved. The reason for this is that our large brains come at a price: using 20 percent of our energy despite taking up only 2 percent of our body weight. By comparing various caloric intakes, body sizes and numbers of neurons in species of primates, the authors of the papers determined that in order to consume enough calories to support a brain of our size with raw foods, ancient humans would have had to spend more than nine hours per day eating. The authors speculated that cooking food, which in-

creases calories consumed by easing the chewing, digestion and absorption processes, allowed our ancestors’ brains to grow into what they are today.

Fake pills can heal

The placebo effect, defined as feeling better from a treatment even if there’s no physical reason for it to work, is the bane of medical practitioners, leading many patients to swear by such alternative treatments as homeopathy and acupuncture, despite repeated evidence that they don’t offer any real benefit. A new study published in the journal PLOS ONE suggests that there may be specific genes that correlate with a higher susceptibility to the placebo effect. In the study, 112 patients gave permission to

have their genes sequenced and were then placed into one of three groups, each with a different degree of placebo treatment for irritable bowel syndrome. The first group received no treatment; the second group received only a placebo; and the third group had a placebo administered by a warm and inviting practitioner. Of the patients, those with two copies of the gene had the strongest response to the treatments, particularly the augmented treatment with friendly administration. Those with only one copy of the gene had less of a response, and those with no copies of the gene had the smallest reaction. If the research pans out, it could have a significant effect on future medicinal practices and drug testing.

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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0926

ACROSS

1 Some are square

6 G.I. rank

9 Mardi ____

13 It might keep you up at night

14 Feel bad

15 Vile

16 "And that's ____"

17 Morgantown's locale: Abbr.

18 Some mirages

19 John Lennon, e.g.

20 Dandy

21 Glandular prefix

22 Sun Devil Stadium's sch.

23 With 44-Across, common broadcasting phrase related to this puzzle's outer circled letters

25 To a huge extent

27 Curiosity's launcher

28 Los Angeles district

30 Deleted

31 Bangkok native

35 With 37-Across, events described by 23-/44-Across

36 Abbr. after a phone no.

37 See 35-Across

38 Rain delay sight

39 Peace, to Pliny

40 Middle manager?

41 Jr. in an office

43 One of two on a short date?

44 See 23-Across

48 Custodian's tool

51 Flick not shown on network TV

52 Lunkhead

53 Greenhouse square

54 Silver, in the Sierra Madres

55 "Lord, is ____?": Matthew 26:22

56 Adhering to Strunk and White's advice "Omit needless words"

57 Mojito garnishes

58 X-ray unit

59 "Family Matters" role

60 Alumni grouping

61 "Very funny" cable channel

62 Short blasts

DOWN

1 Omertà organization

2 Works inspired by Callopie, e.g.

3 One saying 23-/44-Across

4 Request to a butcher

5 Mineo of film

6 In hock

7 Shortish race, for short

8 Pete Fountain played it

9 Lions' foes

10 Knolls

11 "Would you like to see ____?":

12 Online honcho

15 Rips off, in a way

20 "Here we go again!"

23 Work, as a bar

24 Probably not Mr. Right

26 Manet or Monet

28 Pond denizen

29 Vardalos of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"

30 Pigskin stitching

32 They appear at one-year intervals

33 The "A" in IPA

34 Verb after "das"

36 Grovels

37 Prod

39 Tire spec abbr.

40 Circulation blocker

42 Greek walkways

43 Pool side

44 Put on

45 "I swear!"

46 Miller product

47 Scored in the 80s

49 Beginning

50 Bares fruit?

53 Country mentioned in Sinatra's "Come Fly With Me"

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WHO WANTS JELLO SHOTS?

I DO! HELLYA

P-TAY!

DURNN!

GR33K THYME

* injects

"Swag"

SWIK!

WOO!

THANKS! CHAD!

MY DIETARY "NEEDS!"

HA HA

No thanks... I'm "gluten-free"...

Lazy Roommate

stephanie Vanicek

Still breathing.

Sometimes I just have to make sure.

Uber Punks and Goths

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Uber Halloween Scoreboard:

Hee hee! I can't wait to post these pics!

Show us your tits!

Are your friend's green?

God, I hate sixth street.

God, I hate people.

Political Costume=SUCCESS!

Wearing a Dress=FAILURE!

Ugh.. What the hell happened last night?

Should I brew some coffee?

What?! Binder girl?

It's cute to see someone as stern as you this flustered.

Is that my shirt?!

Wanna go to Funfunfun together?

Attempt to avoid it=UNDETERMINED!

SUDOKU FOR YOU

Today's solution will appear here tomorrow

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8 6 2 4 5 7 9 1 3

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4 9 7 8 1 6 2 3 5

6 2 3 7 4 5 1 8 9

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CAMPUS



Pearce Murphy | Daily Texan Staff

Alex Sands, president of the Language Creation Society, demonstrates how to write Salhari. Sands created the language in his junior year of high school, drawing inspiration from a similar language called Quenya.

ART OF MIXING LANGUAGES

By Laura Wright

“It’s like asking, what if you combined Korean and French?” business freshman Alex Sands said. Sands wasn’t talking about combining culinary styles, an obvious guess for this rare combination. He was talking about combining languages. Last February, Sands founded the Language Creation Society at UT, an organization specifically for student conlangers. Conlangers create conlangs, or constructed languages. Conlangers can create a posteriori languages, which are built from the vocabulary and structure of existing languages, such as the combination of Korean and French. Conlangers can also create a priori languages, which have

no basis in existing languages. You might be familiar with more a priori conlangs than you think: The Klingon language from the television series “Star Trek,” the Na’vi language from the movie “Avatar,” and the Dothraki language from the television series “Game of Thrones” are all examples of a priori languages. Conlangers create languages for all sorts of different reasons. Esperanto, perhaps the most well known and certainly the most widely spoken conlang, was created by L.L. Zamenhof in 1887. Zamenhof wanted to invent a politically and culturally neutral language that could be used across the world; he felt Esperanto could be a linguistic solution to world peace. Conlangers also create languages for aesthetic reasons. “Conlanging is ... creating a

symphonic-sounding personal expression of how the world ought to sound,” Sands said. The personalization of language allowed by conlanging is what draws many conlangers to the hobby. “I think I can say this for a lot of conlangers: we love linguistics, but we also like personalization,” Sands said. “If we can’t make something personal, it means less. It’s more special to us if we say it in a way that we created.” For Sands, conlanging became a passion in the fourth grade. That was when he discovered Quenya, one of several Elvish dialects written by J.R.R. Tolkien for his “Lord of the Rings” book series. “I thought the writing system [of Quenya] was so beautiful...that I taught myself to do it,” Sands said. J.R.R. Tolkien, a linguist

himself, famously referred to conlanging as his secret vice in a paper of the same title. Last February Sands decided to create a UT Language Creation Society group on Facebook to see if anyone would be interested. They were. Although he didn’t publicize the club in any other way, people still joined. Soon he was contacted by David J. Peterson, the president of the National Language Creation Society. “He was like, ‘So are you guys affiliated with us or what?’” Sands said. Peterson, a linguist who created the Dothraki language for “Game of Thrones,” invited the UT chapter to join the national chapter. They joined in May, and the UT chapter will be hosting the

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FUN FUN FUN FEST

The Magnetic Zeros attract Fun Fun fans

By Hannah Smothers

Indie rock band Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros has managed to keep itself somewhat removed from the mainstream avenue of the music scene despite its growing success. While a generation of starry-eyed teenagers was falling in love to the band’s hit song “Home,” the Magnetic Zeros were living on a train with Old Crow Medicine Show and Mumford & Sons for their famed Railroad Revival Tour. Lead singer Alexander Ebert and his troupe of nine traveling artists bring the “revival” with them as they continue to tour around the world, no train necessary. The band is bringing back the idea of a time when peace was still possible and love was still pure, if such a time ever existed. The band’s isolation allows it to find inspiration from within its own creative community. “I think one of the benefits

of having such a large band is that there is always something new to learn from someone else,” accordion player Nor Kirkpatrick said by email. “Many of us are into varying forms of art beyond the music, and this makes the touring life so much more interesting. Because when we get off the stage, that’s when everyone’s weird hobbies and interests come out.” The band owes its odd and lengthy name to one of these diversions. “Alex was writing a book for a long time, and the main character’s name was Edward Sharpe,” lead guitarist Christian Letts said. “He was sent to save the world by the gods, but he never got around to it because he kept falling in love along the way.” The Magnetic Zeros are a creation of Ebert’s vivid imagination as well. “I think the magnetic zero was part of a mathematical equation Alex was working

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Who: Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros
Where: Fun Fun Fun Fest, Orange Stage
When: Sunday at 8:50 p.m.



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Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros will make its debut Fun Fun Fun Fest performance at this year’s festival as the headlining band Sunday.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

French agencies reject rat study, biotech corn safe for humans



By Robert Starr

A study published a month-and-a-half ago came to the conclusion that a specific variety of genetically modified corn was potentially very hazardous, causing multiple tumors in lab rats. However, outspoken scientists have bashed the study for its weak methodology, poor interpretation of results and misleading statistical tools. The French government enlisted the assistance of two groups, the High Council of Biotechnology (HCB) and the Agency of Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES), to evaluate the study and determine whether or not the government should restrict the importation of the corn. Both the HCB and ANSES agreed with the scientific community that the original study was severely flawed and likely ideologically motivated. Future research is recommended to err on the safe side, but past studies have largely come to the conclusion that genetically modified foods are as safe and as healthy as conventionally grown equivalents.

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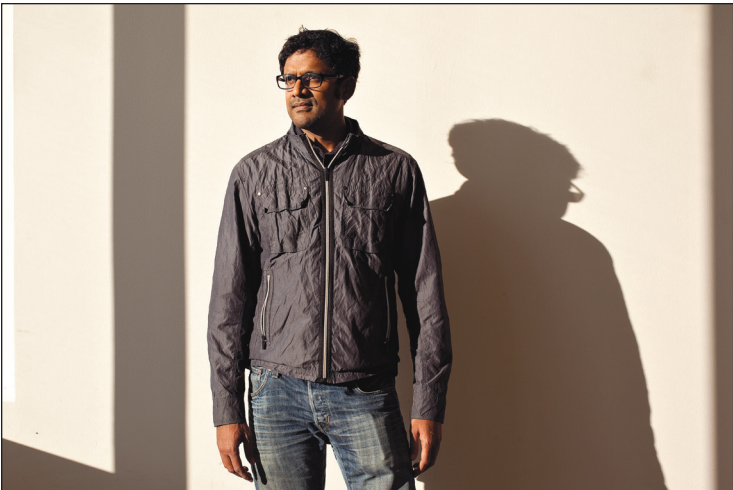
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lot stranger. An international group of researchers has published new insights in scientific journal Nature Physics, which may lead to the testing of one of the biggest questions at the core of the quantum mechanics: entanglement. This term refers to the way that two particles can seemingly interact with each other, even when they’re nowhere near each other. These interactions were once thought to possibly reflect something innate about the particles — similar to the way that, for example, a blue sock

is blue whether or not you’re looking at it — but tests performed during the 1980s show that this is not the case. In the quantum world, measuring a sock to be blue tells you nothing about the color of the sock before you take the measurement. The only other possibility that scientists can come up with to explain the entanglement phenomenon involves some sort of signal communication between the two particles. The problem is that this signal

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Raj Raghunathan, an associate professor of marketing in the McCombs School of Business, will talk about the most common reasons why people are unhappy at the AT&T Conference Center Thursday.

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Bliss, brains linked studies show

By Olivia Arena

People can, in fact, be both smart and happy, Raj Raghunathan, associate professor of marketing administration, said. In his presentation at the Texas Enterprise Speaker Series, he will explain why intelligent people have a better likelihood of finding happiness. Raghunathan conducted numerous studies on the link between intelligence and happiness, but it is difficult to quantify both terms. The studies have varied in approach, but Raghunathan and his colleagues have found that happiness can be categorized based on shared experiences. “In some of the studies we don’t even define it. We ask some of the respondents to define it for us. So in one of the studies, we asked participants to tell us a recent time when they experienced happiness,” Raghunathan said. “We explicitly told them that happiness is whatever way they wanted to think about it. You are not constrained by anyone else’s

definition of happiness.” His study found that there were three main occurrences associated with happiness: when the undergraduates felt proud of an accomplishment, successful in relationships or overall fulfilled. “People have to have a strong association with one or the other emotions: pride, love, fulfillment. But of course people can change with time. At one time they think of happiness with pride and another time more akin to love,” Raghunathan said. Raghunathan said intelligence plays a large role in discovering happiness, regardless of how happiness is defined. “More intelligent people are more likely to be more successful,” Raghunathan said. “There’s a positive correlation between academic success and career success. Therefore they are more likely to experience the personal truth that success doesn’t buy you happiness.” Luke Winslow, UT business lecturer and communi-

cation scholar, believes that those who are more intelligent have a greater capability of discovering how to find happiness. “If you are intelligent, you can’t cop out behind ‘ignorance is bliss,’ because you aren’t ignorant. What you have to do then is use your intelligence, mindfulness, awareness to pursue happiness,” Winslow said. “Ideally you would know about what that pursuit would take because you are also more intelligent. So it’s both a gift and a curse.” Both professors argue that society has changed the way people view happiness. With a greater emphasis on the material, people lose sight of experiences that create happiness. Raghunathan said that the four causes of unhappiness in society are the needs for importance, control, love and clarity. He said by focusing on absorption, learning, loving others and controlling one’s own life, a person can live a more wholesome life. BRAIN continues on page 8